

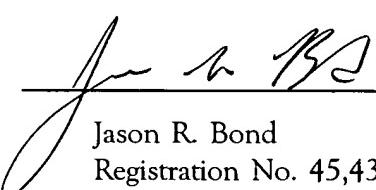
R E M A R K S

Claims 1, 25, and 26-45 are pending in the present case. In the Office Action mailed September 17, 2003, the Examiner asserted that newly added Claims 26-45 necessitated a species election between IL-5, IL-4, IL-10, IFN gamma, and IL-2 arguing that these cytokines have different amino acid sequences and are functionally distinct. In the previous Response, Applicants elected, for initial examination, Claims 26-45, the species wherein the detected cytokine is IL-5. The relevant Claims for this species are Claims 26, 27, 32-35, 40 and 41. In the Notice mailed January 16, 2004, the Examiner indicated that the previous Response was non-compliant for failing to provide the status of all the claims (e.g. Claims 2-24). In the current Response, as noted above, Applicants have indicated that Claims 2-24 were previously cancelled.

CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (618) 218-6900.

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